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FOLLOWING REPEAT DACCA 5313 ACTION SECSTATE INFO NEW DELHI
ISLAMABAD COLOMBO CINCPAC KATHMANDU RANGOON MOSCOW PEKING
CALCUTTA DATED 3 NOV 75

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 5313

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

COLOMBO FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BG

SUBJECT: TROUBLE IN BANGLADESH

REF: DACCA 5300

1. IT NOW APPEARS THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTIAL
PALACE AND THE DACCA CANTONMENT MAY HAVE LED TO AT LEAST
A PARTIAL RESOLUTION OF TODAY'S CRISIS. ARRANGEMENTS ARE
CURRENTLY BEING MADE TO SEND OUT OF BANGLADESH TO BANGKOK
THIS EVENING KEY PARTICIPANTS IN THE AUGUST 15 COUP,
MOST PARTICULARLY MAJOR FAROOK RAHMAN AND KHANDAKAR ABDUR
RASHID. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOSHTAQUE MAY BE PERMITTED
TO RETAIN OFFICE, BUT IF THIS IS TRUE, WE SUSPECT THAT HIS
EFFECTIVE POWERS WPLL BE DRAMATICALLY REDUCED. HOWEVER,
IF ALL GOES AS PRESENT INDICATIONS SUGGEST, A RELATIVELY
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EARLY RETURN TO MORE NORMAL CONDITIONS MAY BE POSSIBLE.

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY INCIDENTS AFFECTING AMERICAN
CITIZENS IN DACCA TODAY.

3. THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS RAISED BY TODAY'S CRISIS--
THE MOTIVES BEHIND MOSHARRAF'S ACTION, FOR EXAMPLE--WHICH
WE HOPE WE CAN SHED MORE LIGHT ON IN NEXT DAY OR SO.

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